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Dear Congressman LoBiondo,

Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation has served the communities of southern New Jersey since 1924.

Our next important project is the planned relocation, expansion and upgrade of our Sleep Disorders Center.

The Sleep Center offers a wide variety of tests to identify serious sleep disorders in both adults and children, including obstructive sleep apnea, nocturnal seizure, parasomnias, narcolepsy and others.

Sleep problems are disruptive to physical and mental health and can cause significant problems during waking hours. Some, like sleep apnea, can be life-threatening if left untreated, as they are often associated with heart attack and stroke.

This project has been in the works for over two years as we identified a new location, negotiated a lease, retained an architectural firm, and so on.

Late last summer, our hospital foundation board approved the project, which was projected to cost slightly over \$1 million, but the funding has diminished before the project has even begun.

The sleep center will create jobs – first for the skilled laborers fitting out the space we have leased, and in the long term for the additional staff we will hire to provide the sleep services. We intend to bring in a new sleep specialist to handle the increased volume of patients we will serve in this expanded facility. Expanded services will also mean expanded referrals to the companies that provide the durable medical equipment such patients need, to the linen companies, and referrals back to physicians for follow-up care.

It was our plan to underwrite this project ourselves with the support of the Bacharach Hospital Foundation. The economic reality is that outside funding would be an extraordinary help at this time.

Please consider this worthwhile project should there be discretionary funds available.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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